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Wm. Fremming Nielsen

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: U Washington 1956 BA, 1962 LLB
Began Service: May 28, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Academic: Credit Reporter, The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation (1959-1960)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Charles L. Powell, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1963-1964)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Paine, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller LLP (1964-1991)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1956-1959); United States Air Force Reserve (1959-1982)

Current Memberships: American College of Trial Lawyers; The American Inns of Court; Eastern District of Washington Chapter, Federal Bar Association; Spokane County Bar; Washington State Bar Association

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Cynthia Imbrogno

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Indiana (PA) 1970; Gonzaga 1979 JD
Began Service: 1991
Term Expires: September 2015

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Washington Court of Appeals; Law Clerk The Honorable Justin L. Quackenbush, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1980-1983)

Government: Civil Rights Staff Attorney, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1984-1985); Complex Litigation Staff Attorney, Eastern District of Washington Chapter (1986-1988)

Legal Practice: Preston, Thorgrimson, Shidler, Gates & Ellis (1988-1990); Attorney, Perkins Coie LLP (1990-1991)

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James P. Hutton

Magistrate Judge

Education: U Washington 1972 BA; Gonzaga 1976 JD
Began Service: January 2008
Term Expires: January 2016

Judicial: Judge, Yakima County Superior Court, County of Yakima, Washington (1996-2007)

Profession: Attorney, Private Practice (1976-1996)

Staff

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Number of Judgeships: 3

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Frank L. Kurtz

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Gonzaga 1974 JD
Began Service: 2005
Term Expires: 2019

Judicial: Judge, Washington Court of Appeals, Division III (1996-2005)

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Tap Menard** (509) 576-6124
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**Patricia C. Williams**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Gonzaga JD
Began Service: July 14, 1997
Term Expires: July 13, 2011

Current Memberships: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Washington Women Lawyers

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Julie Hirsch** (509) 458-5343
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John A. Rossmeissl

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Washington State 1962 BA; Chicago 1965 JD
Began Service: 1987

Staff

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Number of Judgeships: 8

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Robert S. Lasnik

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Brandeis 1972 AB; Northwestern 1973 MS, 1974 MA;
U Washington 1978 JD
Began Service: December 2, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Lecturer, School of Law, University of Washington (1980)

Government: Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, Criminal Division, County of King, Washington (1978-1981); Senior Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington (1981-1983); Chief of Staff, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington (1983-1990)

Judicial: Judge, Washington Superior Court, King County (1990-1998)

Current Memberships: Washington State Bar Association

Staff

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**Barbara Jacobs Rothstein**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Cornell 1960 BA; Harvard 1966 LLB
Began Service: February 20, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Affiliation: Director, Federal Judicial Center

Academic: Faculty, Washington (1975-1977)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Washington (1969-1977)

Judicial: Judge, King County Superior Court (1977-1980); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Washington (1987-1994)

Legal Practice: Widett & Kruger (1966-1968)

Current Memberships: American Association of Justice; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; King County Bar Association; Massachusetts Bar Association, Inc.; National Association of Women Judges; Washington State Bar Association

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